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RAIL STRIKE SWEEPS NATION

White House Talks Recessed

America's vast railroad system rapidly came to a standstill yesterday as the 4 p.m. walkout of trainmen and engineers swept westward with the time zones. Meanwhile, representatives of the two striking and 18 non-striking unions and the managements were still locked in White House negotiations.

A number of the major railroad managements announced plans to run trains with scabs, apparently counting on Army support. Actual use of scabs was reported from Philadelphia, and several other eastern points.

At a Glance...

STRIKERS: 250,000 members of the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers and Railroad Trainmen.

NEGOTIATIONS: In session at the White House — President Truman, Brotherhood officials and a 15-man committee representing the railroads.

EFFECT: Unions claim 100 percent tie-up except for milk, troop and hospital trains which will be allowed to run. Railroads operating a few trains with supervisory employees.

INVOLVED: All the nation's railroads except 27 small switching lines and one major road, the Illinois Central, under Federal management since last fall.

THE ISSUE: Unions asking changes in working rules and a pay increase above 18½ cents an hour offered by President Truman.

The rules changes include the eight-hour day, paid vacations, overtime pay, and extra pay for layovers. These are conditions long won by other organized workers but denied to the railmen.

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP). — Railroad negotiations were adjourned tonight to meet again tomorrow morning.

Presidential assistant John R. Steelman said that no settlement had been reached but that he "hoped" for an agreement tomorrow.

He made the statement to reporters as he emerged from the executive offices with Alvanley Johnston, president of the Engineers, and A. F. Whitney, president of the Trainmen.

Whitney said "no progress was made today." He said that Steelman would announce the time and place of tomorrow's meeting.

Johnston and Whitney released copies of a letter to President Truman rejecting his proposal that the dispute be settled for an 18½ cents an hour wage increase in lieu of any rules

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Reinforce U.S. Guards On Chiang Supply Line

NANKING, May 23 (UP).—The Communist news agency here charged today that U. S. Marine guards along the Tientsin-Mukden railway in North China had been increased in the last 10 days to keep the Communists from severing the Kuomintang's supply line to Manchuria.

Kuomintang sources meanwhile reported that the American-trained and equipped Kuomintang First and Sixth armies swarmed into Changchun and that People's Army forces which held the Manchurian capital for five weeks were retreating to Yungki (Kirin), 60 miles to the east.

The Communists said that U.S. Marine reinforcement of the Tientsin-Mukden railway comes "at a critical time for Communist forces."

The dispatch declared that American-made bombs and planes had killed several hundred Chinese civilians.

American-made tanks and bombers, manned by American-trained personnel, played a major role in the government drive to Changchun, the report stated.

"It is to the interest of the American people as well as the Chinese people that peace return to China. It would seem America should not commit herself further and involve herself in China's civil war," it said.

The Chinese board of supplies announced today that 15,000 surplus trucks had been purchased from the United States.

Pearl Harbor Probe Finished

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP).—Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today he was convinced, several years before Pearl Harbor, that Japan would, in her "own chosen time," attack the United States.

Answering questions submitted to him by the Congressional Pearl Harbor inquiry, he said in a statement that the lengthy and unsuccessful "peace negotiations" between Japan and the United States in 1941 were unnecessary. All that Japan would have had to do, he explained, was to abandon further aggression and follow a course of peace.

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP).—The Pearl Harbor Committee today completed its 27 weeks' investigation of the Dec. 7, 1941, disaster amid Republican protests that the proceedings were "unjudicial."

Bishop James Walsh, superior general of Maryknoll Seminary, denied today that he conducted "unofficial negotiations" for Japanese-American rapprochement.

Bishop Walsh, who was superior general of Maryknoll institutions in Japan for several years preceding the war, said that this report in the memoirs of the late Fumimaro Konoye, former Japanese Prime Minister, was false.

He said, however, that he carried two messages from the Japanese government to the U. S. State Department in 1941, the last one only three weeks before Pearl Harbor.

Negro Educator In Hall of Fame

A bronze bust of Booker T. Washington, great Negro educator elected to the Hall of Fame in the last year, was unveiled at New York University yesterday.

Gloria Davidson Washington, a granddaughter of the pioneer in Negro education and a student at Howard University, unveiled the bust before a distinguished gathering in the Gould Memorial Library, University Ave. and 181 St.

The bronze is the work of Rich-

Tass Reports Iran Evacuation Complete

LONDON, May 23 (UP).—Radio Moscow tonight broadcast a Tass announcement that the evacuation of Soviet troops from Iran has been completed.

The evacuation was completed on May 9, the broadcast said. It quoted an announcement by the Trans-Caucasian military district.

"The complete evacuation within this period conforms to the declaration made at the end of March by the Trans-Caucasian military district on the evacuation," the broadcast added.

The Soviet Government announced on March 24 that the Red Army evacuation from Iran would be completed within five or six weeks "if nothing unforeseen occurs" and the deadline for this withdrawal

was generally considered to be May 6.

The Iranian Government issued a statement in Teheran yesterday that Central Government inspectors in Tabriz and Azerbaijan had found that all Soviet troops had withdrawn from the province by the agreed date of May 6.

United Press reports from Tabriz, however, said that some Soviet tanks and vehicles had been delayed at Marand, halfway between Tabriz and the Soviet border, for several days beyond the deadline because of a breakdown in bridges.

Sees Schwartzkopf Behind Iran Clashes

Iranian police troops, trained by Col. Norman Schwartzkopf, former chief of New Jersey State Police were probably responsible for recent clashes on the frontiers of the autonomous Azerbaijan province in northwestern Iran, according to Johannes Steel, noted liberal radio commentator.

In his Wednesday night broadcast over WHN, Steel pointed out that the Iranian Central Government police troops are under command of the former police chief of New Jersey, Col. Norman Schwartzkopf.

Steel calls this character "the most powerful single political and military figure in Iran."

The charge came by way of a comment on Wednesday's session of the UN Security Council where Poland's delegate, Dr. Oscar Lange, questioned the Iranian ambassador on American interference in Iranian affairs.

Schwartzkopf's presence in Iran has been the butt of many attacks by the Tudeh (People's Party) and the Azerbaijan Democratic government.

Steel also revealed that the entire Iranian Central Government's army numbers 25,000 men while the gendarmes under Schwartzkopf's grip equals 20,000.

The radio commentator disclosed that Schwartzkopf "has forced upon the Iranian government a budget for the gendarmerie and police which enables him to pay the equivalent of \$100 a month to his recruits as against \$1.50 a month paid to the regular army."



STEEL

Childs to Speak at Jersey Press Parley

NEWARK, May 23.—Morris Childs, editor of the Daily Worker and The Worker, will address a state-wide conference here Sunday of unionists and representatives of other mass organizations on behalf of the working class press.

Held at the Fur Workers Union Hall at 1011 Broad St., the parley will urge support of the financial drive of the Daily Worker. The delegates will discuss among other topics the \$150,000 deficit of the paper and its increased circulation among mass organizations.

Included in the list of sponsors of the conference are:

James McLeish, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; Rudy Hanson, regional director, International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; Walter Barry, president, Greater Newark Industrial Union Council; Ernest Thompson, vice-president, Hudson County CIO Council; Harold Donnerstag, trustee, AFL, Cocks, Countermen and Cafeteria Employees and representatives of steel, copper, tobacco, office workers and other industries

COMMUNISTS TO INTENSIFY FIGHT ON BROWDERISM

William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, yesterday released the following statement, unanimously adopted by the National Board:

According to press dispatches, Earl Browder is reported to have stated at a press interview in Moscow that he had met certain Soviet leaders. Also he is stated to have established business relations with several Soviet publishing houses with the possibility discussed of his becoming their business representative in the United States.

In this connection, it is useful to recall the wild orgy of speculation indulged in by the capitalist press incidental to Browder's voyage to Moscow. According to these fantastic stories, there was supposed to be some kind of supreme court to which Browder had gone to appeal against the decision of the Communist Party of the United States repudiating his revision of Marxism and expelling him from its ranks.

This speculation was, of course, designed to do harm to the cause of American-Soviet friendship, the keystone of world peace, fought for by every patriotic American and especially by the Communists. These speculations were also designed to serve as material for slander against the Communist Party by making it appear that, on the one hand, the Soviet Union was intervening in the political life of our country and, on the other hand, that the Communist Party was "an agent of Moscow."

When it is all added up, the information carried today by the capitalist press about the results of Browder's visit to Moscow confirms the utter groundlessness of these speculations and exposes their malicious intent.

As was made clear in our Party's

previous statements, neither Browder's trip nor any announcement of its results could in any way affect the policies of the Communist Party of the United States which are completely determined by its own membership in accordance with the needs and interests of the American working class and people, and therefore in accord with the interests of all freedom loving peoples.

Therefore, the Communist Party will continue and intensify the struggle against Browderism. For Browderism, which is a notorious revision of Marxism, can only serve to undermine the capacity of American labor and its Communist Party to fulfill their responsibilities.

The expulsion of Browder from its ranks has made it possible for the Communist Party to map out and pursue a correct Marxist policy. Any attempt to spread Browderism in the Party will be ruthlessly combatted. The fight to carry out this policy requires a strong and united Communist Party, a Communist Party that can and must be built on the basis of a continuing and relentless struggle against Browderism in accordance with the present political line of the Communist Party.

BROWDER HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW

Wireless to the Daily Worker

By JOHN GIBBONS

MOSCOW, May 23.—In a talk with correspondents here today Earl Browder said that as one who always worked for friendly Soviet-American relations he is visiting Moscow to see what an individual writer can do to further what he considers a most important problem.

He said he would take up the job of representing Soviet publishers in New York with the view of getting wider publication of popular Soviet literature in the United States. In this connection he had

a talk with Solomon A. Losovsky, chief of the Soviet Information Bureau, and added he had paid a brief courtesy call on Vyacheslav Molotov at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Declaring he is out of political life, Browder emphasized that his visit had nothing to do with the American Communist Party, adding that the visit is a perfect example of private enterprise.

Browder has been here two weeks and visited collective farms in the Moscow neighborhood. He is remaining another two or three weeks.

208 More Unionists Arrested in Rochester

ROCHESTER, May 23.—This city was brought closer to an AFL-CIO general strike here today with the arrest of 208 more unionists for picketing the city's Dewey Ave. garage.

Fifty-six were arrested yesterday. Meanwhile, the Teamsters' District Council here called out its 650 members for a work holiday today. They joined the growing mass protest here against the city's arbitrary firing of 500 Department of Public Works workers for joining a union.

In voting for the holiday, the council also recommended a city-wide strike "when and if necessary." The union's business agent, Al Capone, was among those jailed yesterday.

Among those arrested today was Hugh Harley, organizer of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, and others of his CIO union.

"This is just another step on the road to a general strike in the City of Rochester," said Harold Hanover, vice-president of the New York State Federation of Labor. "In my opinion the action of the city administration is violation of civil rights and federal law."

Capone had already appealed for a general strike.

A delegation of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergy visited City Manager Lewis Cartwright to request that he meet with the union and settle the dispute. They were turned down.

The Republican-controlled city council here steamrollered through an ordinance firing the 500 city employees. The hand of Eastman Kodak and Bausch & Lomb is seen in this action.

Harley was among those arrested yesterday. Arnold Miller, UE international representative, and Rodney Fisher, editor of the AFL paper here, were others arrested. The UE is engaged in organizing the Bausch & Lomb plant.

The fight here is fast developing as a big civil rights struggle. Meyer E. Stern, chairman of the Civil Rights Congress of New York, wired striking municipal workers an offer of full legal and other support.

'Trains Will Run When We Win,' Say RR Crews Here; Depots Jammed

Barkley Moves to Cut Debate, Ram Case Bill Through Senate

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Continuous Senate night sessions were invoked today by Majority Leader Alben Barkley (D-Ky) to force Senate opponents of the Case anti-labor bill to agree to limit debate and bring the issues to a vote. This drastic method was not used by Barkley to end the Senate filibuster on FEPC last February.

Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), James E. Murray (D-Mont) and their little group who have battled doggedly against consideration of the Case bill during the present wave of anti-labor hysteria, showed no signs of weakening under this new attack from Administration quarters.

Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore) and Francis Myers (D-Pa) held the floor most of the afternoon, defending labor against the charges of reaction.

SHIFT TACTICS

The pro-labor group shifted its tactics slightly today when Sen. Theodore Green (D-RI), together with Pepper, introduced an amendment as a substitute for the Byrd amendment. The Byrd measure would outlaw health and welfare funds unless administered jointly by labor and management. The substitute provided that welfare funds could be administered exclusively by either labor or management if they followed regulations prescribed by the Federal Security Administrator.

A second amendment offered by Green and Pepper provided that any funds raised for the general or special benefit of any industry must be administered in accordance with regulations laid down by the Secretary of Commerce if they added to the cost of the commodity or service produced by the industry. The introduction of the amendments, however, did not indicate any less determination on the part of the pro-labor senators to continue the debate.

BLOCK GAG RULE

At the conclusion of Morse's remarks, Sen. Joseph Ball (R-Minn) asked unanimous consent to limit debate with each senator permitted to speak once for 30 minutes. Morse objected.

Sen. Millard Tydings (D-Md) then asked unanimous consent to limit each senator to 10 hours on the bill and five hours on each amendment. This was also objected to.

Morse's fight on pending anti-labor legislation was considerably weakened by his attack on coal miners and railroad workers for "daring" to strike while the mines and railroads are under government control.

ASKS 'SHOWDOWN'

"I deny the right of any group of Americans to abuse the right to strike, to turn this great freedom into a license in this dark hour," he said. "The right to strike is a relative right, not an absolute one." He pledged his complete support and cooperation to President Truman in dealing with the unions in his "showdown."

Labor representatives who have been following the Senate debate closely during the past ten days were gratified that the hardy little band led by Pepper is now receiving reinforcements.

They said they hoped that the speech by Myers would be followed by speeches by Mead of New York, Guffey of Pennsylvania, Huffman of Ohio, Thomas of Utah, Murdoch of Utah, Mitchell of Washington, LaFollette of Wisconsin and Downey of California.



'No Contract, No Work': Among the tens of thousands of miners who refused to return to the mines during the Lewis truce, Mike (left) and Jimmy Gregg check their gear as they await the outcome of UMW negotiations with the government. They work for the Castle Shannon Coal Co. in Coverdale, Pa. The miners want a pay increase and a welfare fund.

Fur & Leather Union Sets Its Sights on Dixie

Special to the Daily Worker

ATLANTIC CITY, May 23.—The International Fur and Leather Workers Union is "going South" along with the rest of the CIO, putting main emphasis on the organization of the approximately 25,000 fur trappers in Louisiana and Texas and tanneries in the southeast.

Impetus to this drive, already well under way, was given at the Union's convention here today in the report of delegates from 53 locals making up the fur division.

They pledged financial support to speed trappers' unionization and recommended a General Executive Board special study of free trappers' problems and ways of helping them fight exploitation by landowners and middlemen.

Expansion of union organization into a new field, fur breeding ranches employing about 5,000, was another recommendation approved by the convention.

Discussion of the fur division report produced these other decisions:

- That the IEB press to get government agencies to establish fur breeding ranches operated by war veterans.

- That the IEB study the possibility of establishing a union insurance company to handle group insurance now enjoyed by members.

- That a fund be established to finance drives for progressive legislation and gifts to charitable organizations and to aid victims of war and fascism overseas. Locals will either levy a \$3 a year tax on members or send funds to that amount from their treasuries.

Other fur divisions' recommendations approved by the convention instruct the union to seek health clinics for every fur and leather center, asking government surplus

medical equipment for them, propose a drive to shift fur shops from cellars and to enforce proper sanitary conditions, and ask that steps be taken to eliminate poisonous dyes and chemicals from shops.

Delegates from Fur Floor Clerks local 125 provided the convention with a spirited and friendly debate as they took to the floor their long-time campaign for formal affiliation with the New York Furriers Joint Council.

President Ben Gold settled the issue with a "compromise," accepted by all around, that a resolution be submitted tomorrow putting the convention on record "in principle" that the council "complete the amalgamation as soon as possible."

A similar compromise was accepted by delegates from fur designers and pattern makers, who also seek affiliation.

Italy Explosion

ROME, May 23 (UP). — Government circles reported that a gunpowder factory blew up today at Tivoli, six miles northwest of Rome, killing two persons and wounding 60.

City CIO Backs Drive

The City CIO has endorsed Russian Relief's \$2,000,000 drive to equip the First Central Medical Institute of Moscow, it was announced yesterday.

"I'm all done!"

That was the emphatic remark of elderly Charles Schwartz, engineer of the famous Yankee Clipper as she pulled to a halt in Grand Central at 6:17 p.m. last night, 52 minutes late after a run from Boston. Schwartz has been with the road for nearly 50 years—and last night he was on strike.

Conductor R. J. Goulet, who has been with the New York, New Haven and Hartford line since 1907 walked away with the train crew as they left the station:

"I'm on strike for better working conditions," Goulet said to reporters, and kept walking.

The Yankee Clipper was the last train to pull into Grand Central after the historic strike went into effect.

Traffic from the Pennsylvania station, which normally handles 350,000 passengers in 850 trains a day, dried up at the 5 p.m. (Daylight Time) strike deadline yesterday.

The busiest railroad depot in the world was stilled as hundreds of trainmen and conductors—along with firemen and engineers who quit with them—went home.

When the fateful hour of 5 p.m. struck yesterday, thousands of New Yorkers and out-of-town commuters found themselves milling around the great rail terminals here, with trains effectively stopped as though an earthquake had torn up the vast network of tracks.

AT GRAND CENTRAL

At Grand Central, the rush of passengers began about noontime. The huge station began to fill as people asked confirmation of rumors and got only rumors in reply. Station officials were as much in the dark as to whether or not the looming walkout would materialize as the average suburbanite. But as the minute hands crept closer to 5 p.m. (Daylight Saving Time), the tension increased and extra details of police began roping off the upper level in Grand Central at 3:30 p.m. Police refused to allow anyone to pass down from the upper to lower levels, where most of the suburban trains were pulling out.

All during the afternoon, thousands passed through the famous terminal and were packed into waiting trains, which were jammed in the fashion of New York subway trains at rush hour. Those who got in during the earlier afternoon hours were fortunate

Marcantonio Urges

U. S. Negotiate Pact

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP).

—Rep. Vito Marcantonio, American Labor Party, New York, said today "there's only one way to prevent strikes affecting national economy and that is for the government to seize the railroads and negotiate a contract, and then return them to the owners when they agree to assume the contracts."

"People seem to forget there is a 15th amendment to the Constitution that bars involuntary servitude," Marcantonio said.

"You can't force a man to work if he doesn't want to work."

enough to get away, but the last train to clear the station on the New York, New Haven and Hartford line at 4:55 p.m., heading for New Haven, dumped its passengers at Stamford, Conn., when the crew stopped the train and walked off.

The Pennsylvania Railroad wouldn't admit the full force of the strike situation at first. A publicity representative in room 269 told reporters just after 5 p.m. that a crew had been found for The Senator, due to leave for Washington at 5:30.

"The Senator," interrupted a reporter, "has just been cancelled. I heard the announcement in the rotunda a minute ago."

The press agent heaved a sigh and said he had merely reported what he had been told.

Railroad officials said that they still hope to operate 6 trains tonight out of the day's total of 850. But railroad workers said their bosses were too optimistic.

The strike certainly looked like a 100 percent affair, according to

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Gov't, Mine Union Still Negotiating

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP).

The Government's top labor experts, faced with the threat of a new soft coal shutdown this weekend, struggled tonight to reach an interim agreement with UMW President John L. Lewis that would keep the mines running under federal control.

Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug, the government's new mine boss, indicated he would have a reply ready soon to the still-secret contract proposals Lewis handed him yesterday.

Krug worked most of the day on the draft of his counter-offer to the mine union, conferring repeatedly with Reconversion Director John W. Snyder, Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach, Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman, and Vice Adm. Ben Moreell, who has been given immediate charge of the mines.

Krug told reporters he was hopeful of getting an agreement in principle by Saturday night, when the two-week strike truce expires. Without some form of contract, it seemed certain that most, if not all of the UMW's 400,000 miners

would refuse to work, even for the government.

More than 193,000 miners already had defied the union's truce order and refused to continue working until a new contract is signed.

That estimate came from the Solid Fuels Administration, which reported that 2,231 bituminous mines were idle today against 2,309 in production.

Justice Department officials said, however, that they had received no formal complaints of illegal picketing at the government-seized mines, although yesterday there were reports that roving picket squads had closed a number of pits.

Lewis' contract proposals include a definite wage demand, which he had refused to submit to the mine owners during their long negotiations. They also were understood to include a UMW demand for some sort of miners' welfare fund.

The welfare fund—Lewis asked a 7 per cent levy on the industry's annual payrolls—was the main stumbling block in the direct union-management negotiations.

Franco Disguises Troops, UN Hears

GIRAL LISTS 840,000 MEN IN GROWING FASCIST ARMY

By Harry Raymond

Spanish fascist army headquarters has ordered frontier commanders to clothe their troops in civilian clothes and conceal their arms in anticipation of a visit by an international commission.

Dr. Jose Giral, Prime Minister of the Spanish Republican government in exile, testified to this fact yesterday before the United Nations Security Council sub-committee at Hunter College.

In a two-and-a-half hour question and answer period, in which Australia's Paul Hasluck did most of the questioning and Giral supplied the answers, the Spanish leader calmly refuted the United States Government's memorandum aiming to show that the Franco regime is no menace to world peace.

Addressing the five-man committee in Spanish, Dr. Giral strengthened the Soviet-Polish demand that fascist Spain be outlawed. He charged:

ARMY OF 840,000

Dictator Franco has today a military force totaling 840,000, excluding the police, Civil Guard and Falange. The Civil Guard alone totals 100,000 and is augmented by a half million armed Falangists and

such forces as the Carabinieri and Tercio Rurales. The grand total of all Franco's armed forces is 1,440,000.

Sixty percent of the Spanish budget is for military purposes. The Ministry of Interior spends 90 percent of its budget on military effort.

Franco is not only harboring Nazi war criminals but is giving full protection and freedom to political assassins of the former Vichy regime of France.

GESTAPO HQ

Spain has become the center of German Gestapo activities. Gestapo agents have set up secret radios on Spanish soil to direct a reassembling world-wide Nazi movement.

Dr. Giral read two cablegrams from a Spanish Republican delegation in France quoting four Basque soldiers who deserted Franco last Sunday as stating:

"In anticipation of an international commission accompanied by Gen. Yague, orders were given in the frontier region to clothe the soldiers in peasant costume and for this purpose workers' and peasants' clothes were requisitioned and armaments were hidden in the woods."

A second cable revealed: "They tell us that visitors to the frontier were a colonel from Madrid, a British citizen Bingham Smith, the American Wendel Johnson. . . . In the frontier region Villanueva received observers, giving them a very cordial and ceremonious reception."

BUILDING FORCES

Giral told the committee that according to accurate information from Spanish Republican intelligence and Franco's own documents there are at present mobilized in Spain 27 infantry divisions, 10 automatic arms divisions, 10 of cavalry, 10 divisions and three groups of sappers, 12 brigades of artillery, and other specialized formations for chemical warfare, signals and field hygiene.

"Many of these formations," Giral declared, "are changing their arms, perfecting their equipment, replacing old armaments with modern weapons."

Giral's remarks, based on documents totaling 150,000 words now in the hands of the sub-committee, were in direct contrast to the U. S. Government memorandum of May 21. The U. S. document viewed the Franco Army as poorly equipped and shrinking.

"All Spanish civilians who wish to bear arms can do so as protection against possible attack from the Soviet Union," Giral testified.

Among the war criminals receiving sanctuary in fascist Spain, he stated, is Francois Pietri, ex-ambassador of the Vichy regime to Madrid. Giral named a number of political assassins now in Spain, including the slayers of George Mandet, and an important member of the Petain Militia, Savary. He also named a "captain of an anti-Bolshevik organization and persons who took part in the assassination of Louis Ferdinand Celine."

The French government has asked extradition of these criminals. Franco refused, Giral said.

Giral was closely questioned by committee members on the source of his information. He told them most of it came from the Republican underground movement and added:

"Our men there are exposed to the most ferocious persecution and the committee will understand that I cannot give more information than we have already given."

Giral has been called to testify again Monday at 3 p.m.

About 'Possums, Frogs, Alligators -- and Unions



Union Trappers: The skilled, sharpshooting fur trappers of Louisiana are getting organized. Shown above at the Fur and Leather Workers convention in Atlantic City are (left to right): organizer Julius Metz and Gustave Rulf, Andrew C. Watkins and Hilton G. Rink. Watkins is president and Rulf and Rink are directors of Local 5, Morgan City, La.

By Dorothy Loeb

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 23.—Three Louisiana fur trappers told me today in their own special drawl how the CIO International Fur and Leather Workers Union reached into their bayous and showed them the way to unionization.

Andrew C. Watkins, 32, shy, soft-spoken president of the Morgan City, La., trappers' local, represented for the first time at the union's national convention, said he had just come in from the four-month trapping season in March, 1945, when his wife showed him a union "dodger."

A trapper since he was seven and his father one before him, he looked at the handbill and said to his wife: "What in hell does the CIO want with fur trappers?"

He'd heard about CIO when he answered the government's call to work in a New Orleans shipyard during the war, but there was a jurisdictional row on between the AFL and CIO there and he'd heard nothing to prejudice him in favor of either one.

SKEPTIC CONVINCED

From a "skeptical" who just went to a first meeting "to see what it was about," Watkins turned into a union-builder because he saw it was a national organization that could "put strength behind us" in the fights with the big companies that lease trapping land and set prices for skins, he explained.

Now the Morgan City local is the largest of four trappers' affiliates of the Fur and Leather Workers in Louisiana.

Watkins and Gustave Rulf, 34, and Hilton G. Rink, 32, his co-delegates, told me a little about how "in the season"—from October through February—they make camp in the marshland, dig ditches and lay their traps for the muskrats, raccoons, minks, opossums and other furbearing animals that provide

MLady with her fashionable coat.

The whole family lives in the camp for the season and while the trapper works from daylight to dusk, his wife and the kids—if they're old enough—skin and stretch for drying the catch from the day before.

Children begin the work as young as seven and eight. They miss school for the four-month season.

One of the local's first acts was to petition the school board for summer sessions for trappers' children. Their demand was granted and now for the first time trappers' children will be able to make up the time they lost.

The four-month trapping season nets them from \$1,000 to \$1,500. To earn money during the rest of the season, they catch fish, frogs and alligators for the market. If you order frogs' legs at the restaurant, likely they came from the catch of the Louisiana trappers, Watkins told me.

He was shocked when I asked if Louisiana supplied much of America's fur skins. "Oh, lady," he protested mildly, "we outproduce Canada and Alaska and the rest of the U. S., all put together." About six million muskrats are trapped every season, he said.

COSTS GO UP

They tell about the time when trappers could trap anywhere and sell their catch as they wished. Later they had to lease the land but they could still sell at their own prices. But the leases kept going up.

"The last year the land was leased that way, it was \$1 a foot and you had to take 1,600 feet," Rink recalls. "That cleaned the trapper out and the big fellows leased the land and put the trapper out to trap on a percentage basis."

In other words, they became share-croppers. And the big fur companies got a law on the Louisiana books requiring trappers to sell their skins at the "field price" which the companies fix.

LEARNING FAST

I asked them what they thought about the union and the convention that had brought them east for the first time in their lives.

"So far it's fine," Watkins said. "We're learning now fast."

NEW MASSES

MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS

By James Collis

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Fordham Students Hear Giral at UN

Forty-five students of Fordham University, a Catholic institution, yesterday occupied all public seats in the United Nations Security Council chamber to hear Spanish Republican leader Jose Giral testify against Franco Spain. UN officials said their presence had no political significance.

Nazis Slew 24,920

Nazis murdered 24,920 Czech Communists during the occupation of Czechoslovakia and held more than 60,000 in concentration camps.

This was revealed at the recent congress of the Czech Communist Party by Rudolph Slansky, general secretary, who added that thousands of Slovak Communists had also died in concentration camps and during the Slovak national uprising in August, 1944.

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NAM Head Picks Lewis as Model Leader

By Vincent Burke

United Press Staff Correspondent.

CHICAGO, May 23 (UP).—Robert R. Wason, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, an organization representing "big business," yesterday praised John L. Lewis for his record as a labor leader, his honesty and his loyalty to America.

He predicted at a press conference that Lewis, president of the AFL United Mine Workers, which is scheduled to stop work in the nation's mines next Saturday, would get what he wants for his mine workers.

However, he denounced the administration for a "sell-out" to labor and said management is now "helpless."

Discussing the CIO organizational drive in southern states, he said he preferred Lewis' record as a labor leader to that of CIO president Philip Murray. He praised the AFL, which also is making a drive in the South, but predicted the CIO would succeed in its drive to unionize southern industry because "the power of government" would be behind it.

Asked why he preferred Lewis to Murray, he replied:

"When Lewis made a bargain, he kept it. He has always worked in the interest of the people he represents. He has improved the miners' conditions, not for political purposes, but for welfare purposes. The loyalties of

John L. Lewis are to America, first and foremost."

Asked if he wasn't implying that Murray does not keep bargains, doesn't work for the people he represents, and isn't loyal to America, Wason replied:

"I didn't say that."

He said Lewis is a sounder labor leader and in the end would get more for his miners than Murray got for his steel workers.

Lewis, he said, would obtain more than the 18¢ cents per hour increase Murray obtained for CIO unions because Lewis will get a \$50,000,000 "bonus" in the form of a welfare fund and holiday pay before he bargains collectively.

Write Your Own Moral

Not quite \$36,000 has been contributed to the Emergency Fund Collection of New York City since the drive began 11 days ago, chairman Newbold Morris announced yesterday. The funds were contributed mainly from "the low income group," he revealed.

Official figures indicate there are 2,773 millionaires in New York State, most of them in this city.

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N. Y. State Committee, Communist Party.

'HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DOWN IN THE MINES?'

By WALTER LOWENFELS

PITTSBURGH, May 23.—It's not asked in an unfriendly way. It's just the one question that any miner or group of miners ask when you talk to them about their strike demands.

It comes up in every conversation from Shenandoah in the eastern Anthracite to Bentlyville in the southwestern bituminous when you discuss the miners wage and safety and welfare demands.

Miners are not given to much talk. But I've returned from a swing around the mine fields. I can see the men I've talked to on street corners, in front of union halls and lodge halls and beer parlors, or in their homes or sitting on the curbs or on the fences—little knots of men, 400,000 of them altogether—not saying much, but asking the world: Have

you ever been down in the mines?

Have you spent nine hours a day, six days a week, week after week, year after year in the dark, foul underground?

Have you crawled on your belly in the eternal night or padded on your knees, or battled with a pick or a stick of dynamite or a coal loader to scratch a living from the hard bowel of the earth?

Do you ache with an ache that will never come out of your bones? Can you breathe without scraping the layers of slate and coal and dirt the mines have coated into your lungs?

Have you seen your buddies blown to hell? Have you been caught in a fall of slate or rock that crushes legs and arms and hands?

Have you ever been down in the mines?

Issues Blurred In Pennsylvania Primaries

Special to the Daily Worker

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—Leading major party candidates breezed through a quiet primary this week.

Sen. Joseph Guffey heads the Democratic slate for re-election. He will be opposed by Republican Governor Edward Martin. Incomplete returns show a light turnout of less than a million and a quarter from a registered total of 4,325,832.

Democrats will apparently lose for the first time in many years the southwestern Pennsylvania Congressional seat held by the late J. Buell Snyder. His widow, who conducted no campaign, lost to Republican Carl H. Hoffman for the unexpired term. Frank Buchan, Democrat, running with labor backing for the unexpired term of former Democratic Congressman Sam Weiss, was elected in Allegheny County.

In a hot GOP family fight, the notorious McClure machine suffered its first defeat in years when the Congressional nominations in Delaware County went to the Pew candidate, E. Wallace Chadwick, over James Dewey, federal labor conciliator.

In another Republican family squabble, John Shroyer, former member of Gov. Martin's cabinet, polled some 80,000 votes for the governorship against 710,000 for the Pew-Grundy organizational candidate, State Attorney General James Duff.

A piano tuner from the anthracite, Henry Morris, who conducted no campaign, issued no literature, and who was completely unknown, rolled up close to 100,000 votes for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination against a quarter of a million for the organizational candidate, John C. Rice.

Some political observers believe that Morris' and Shroyer's showings indicate dissatisfaction with both major political machines and particularly with the failure of the Democrats to put up a fight on foreign and domestic issues.

New V.A. Ruling

Under a new Veterans Administration ruling, dependents of veterans who die or have died from treatment for a disease or injury incurred through misconduct may receive government pensions.

Give USSR Tools to Make Limbs

The first Russian Relief shipment of American artificial limb-making equipment has arrived in the Soviet Union, Edward C. Carter, president of the American Society for Russian Relief, Inc., announced today.

Notification of the equipment's arrival was contained in a cable from Dr. Nikolai Priorov, director of the Central Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedics in Moscow,

who is supervising the rehabilitation of an estimated 1,000,000 civilian and military amputees in the Soviet Union.

Dr. Priorov's message to Mr. Carter expressed the Soviet people's gratitude to all Americans participating in Russian Relief's artificial limb program. "Please thank all members of your organization who have taken part in this kind action," he said.

Growth of IWO Is Outstanding

The International Workers Order was again high up in membership increases among the leading 55 fraternal societies of America, latest annual figures for 1945 published by the authoritative Fraternal Monitor reveal.

The IWO achieved fourth place in membership in 1945 with a growth of 9,458 new adult members. This brought the total membership as of December 31 to 181,000. Its membership at the end of April was 183,000. In 1944 the Society held fifth place in the membership race. The IWO also added \$10,243,563 in the amount of insurance in force during 1945, holding seventh place among the top fraternal leaders. The IWO membership is today insured for a total of \$116,965,713.

The IWO is the second largest fraternal society in New York State with a membership of 54,720.

The Order increased its assets during 1945 by \$547,000, the highest gain for one year in the history of the Society. This addition brought its total assets to \$3,617,771.21.

Chicago Peace Meet

CHICAGO, May 23.—Rep. Hugh DeLacy (D-Wash.) and Paul Robeson will speak at the No-Third-World-War Rally at Orchestra Hall, at 8:30 p.m. Memorial Day, May 30. The Chicago Committee to Win the Peace is sponsoring the rally.

Flats Are Scarce, But Lady!

LONDON, May 23 (UP).—The Star today carried a front page story of a young newly wed couple who made an advance payment on a flat and were about to move in when the landlady cancelled the agreement "because there was no guarantee" the couple would not have children in the future.

Rainey in Race For Texas Gov.

AUSTIN, Tex., May 23 (UP).—Homer P. Rainey, whose career has run the oil gamut from baseball pitcher to oil magnate to Baptist parson, announced today he would open a campaign for governor of Texas June 4 at the Sherman-Dennison ball park.

The 50-year-old candidate, who once pitched for Galveston in the Texas League, said he would try to "strike out" the "Texas regulars" who, he said, jumped the Democratic League and helped the Republicans try to defeat the late President Roosevelt.

Rainey was fired from the presidency of the University of Texas in Nov. 1944 after a dispute over its affairs, and he announced his campaign would be largely on the university issues.

He blames O'Daniel and present Gov. Coke R. Stevenson with a planned planting of ultra-conservatives on the university Board of Regents, the State Board of Education and other boards directing state colleges.

Luncheon Here On Job Bias

Strengthening of the United States Employment Service for the fight against job discrimination will be discussed at a luncheon on Thursday, May 23, at 12:30 p. m., at the Paramount Restaurant, 138 W. 43d St.

Sponsors of the luncheon are the American Jewish Congress, the American Veterans Committee, the Greater New York Urban League and Local 28 of the United Public Workers, CIO.

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Your Home Town

By John Meldon

A few weeks ago, I wrote in this column of the death of the great German Communist leader Ernst Thaelmann in the Nazi horror camp at Buchenwald. My information came directly from a leader of the German Communist Party in the Bremen region. If you recall, I reported that Thaelmann was shot down in cold blood by Nazi guards at Buchenwald during the period the Allies were unleashing their final crushing offensives from the East and the West.

Shortly after writing that column I had the privilege of talking to a man who just arrived in this country after going through 18 months of hell in Buchenwald. He is Eugene Weinstock, a brother of Louis Weinstock, Communist leader and secretary-treasurer of the AFL Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators.



Eugene read my column about Thaelmann's death and confirmed it in every detail except an important one—the date.

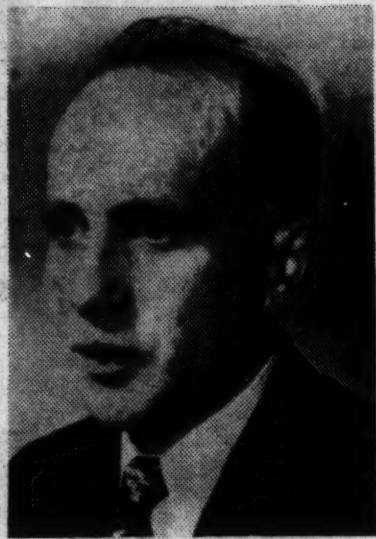
My information was based upon a written statement by Herman Schramm, head of the Bremen region of the German C.P. and forwarded to me by an American seaman who had been in Bremen.

In the interest of historical fact, therefore, I want to correct the time of Thaelmann's murder from April, 1945, to the previous August.

I'll take Eugene Weinstock's word for the fateful date for the simple reason that he was in Buchenwald at the time.

"At 12:30 noon on Aug. 24," Eugene told me, "Buchenwald was bombed by Allied planes. It was an amazing feat of pin-point bombing carried out after long reconnaissance."

"The Allied airmen were smart. They knew the Nazis would force the prisoners to stay in their unprotected barracks while the guards and officials hid in the air raid shelters. They bombed the shelters and killed 700 fascist



EUGENE WEINSTOCK

guards and the assistant commander's wife.

"Several hundred prisoners were killed, unfortunately, because they fled the barracks and ran into the area being bombed. A factory in Buchenwald, employing 6,000 prisoners was blown up. It

was only 100 yards from the barracks."

"That happened on Aug. 24," Eugene said. "Two days earlier, on Aug. 22, our grapevine brought word that Thaelmann had been murdered in the camp—shot in the back. He was secretly cremated on Aug. 23."

"But after the bombing, a Nazi paper, the *Thüringer Zeitung*, published in Weimar, about 10 kilometers from Buchenwald, carried a report that Thaelmann had been killed in the Allied air raid. The paper also said that 500 Buchenwald prisoners had been killed—which was a lie—but it made no mention of the wiping out of the 700 SS men or the munitions factory."

WEINSTOCK bears the ingrained marks of his year and a half in Buchenwald. His voice is low, his words enunciated with grim emphasis and his eyes are terribly tired looking.

He told me the nightmare account of how the SS guards at Buchenwald machine gunned and cremated 20,000 prisoners between

April 3 and April 11, 1945, as the relentless pincers of the American and Red armies began closing in on Hitler's last bastions. In the 18 months he was there, he saw 51,000 cremated in Buchenwald's furnaces.

Weinstock was arrested in Belgium, where he was active in the underground. He owes the life of his 12-year-old son Harry to Father Froldure, a Catholic priest, who hid hundreds of Jewish children from the Nazis. The priest was later arrested and taken to Dachau, but the torturers were unable to unlock his lips to reveal the hiding place of the children.

A final note: I propose to the United Nations Security Council now meeting at Hunter College that it call upon Eugene Weinstock to testify any time the Council gets all snarled up regarding its role in these days and times. It would be extremely helpful if a man like Eugene Weinstock were to be kept on hand in the Council chambers to say a few words about war and peace in between speeches by delegates Stettinius and Cadogan.

Letters from Our Readers

Reply to Reader's Criticism of Play

Brooklyn 3, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I would like to reply to the letter you printed on May 22nd, in which a reader attacked the IWO's ad criticizing PM's review "On Whitman Avenue."

The reader states that only persons who are sympathetic would attend "On Whitman Avenue." I would like to disagree. I attended that play this Saturday with five others, and of the five I can state that only two are progressive with respect to Negro rights. We all found "On Whitman Avenue" an exciting play. Also, it is so effective and moving that it makes almost all of its onlookers determined to get out and fight against discrimination.

I would like to criticize the Daily Worker for printing a letter defending PM's review, especially when PM itself is forced to print letters attacking their review.

KARL PHILLIPS.

Man Bites Dog—Author Likes Critic!

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I liked Arnold Sroog's able and stimulating review of my book "Count Me Among the Living" in a recent issue of The Worker. Incidentally, I was pleased at his mention of the dream sequences; those bits were special favorites of mine.

His criticisms were interesting and provocative. Thank you very much.

ETHEL SEXTON.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

A Precedent For Quislings

New York.
Editor, Daily Worker:

In the interest of expeditious Justice, may I propose that all pending trials of so-called "war criminals" be at once suspended and that these cases (and any in the future) be turned over to Mr. Arthur Garfield Hayes. I suggest as his title, "Supreme Judge (Secular) of the Universe."

See how effectively he handled the Mikhailovitch matter, proving in but a few days that gentle-

man's utter and total innocence! Next, he could take up the Nuremberg trials. At the rate they are going now, if the defendants die, at all, it will be of old age. This would make it very difficult for them to complete their defense, and, hence, a gross miscarriage of justice could easily result. Mr. Hays is obviously the one man who can prevent this.

To rectify wrongs; its never too late, wholly. True, Mr. Vidkun Quisling is no longer with us. How do we know however he was really guilty? After all only Norwegians tried him. How do we know they weren't prejudiced? Mr. Hays and his committee could easily ascertain the truth of the matter and thus save the name of one who may have been a true patriot, from eternal ignominy.

A. L. SUGARMAN

Lauds Editorial On Mine Strike

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The editorial entitled, "Who Is Robbing Whom," which appeared in the May 15th edition of the Daily Worker is a gem, and should be discussed not only by the United Mine Workers of America but by all other workers as well. The capitalist class, of which the coal barons are only a section, can praise free enterprise and the glories of capitalism all they wish; but the minute their employee's demands interfere with their profits, then the capitalists howl. And when they do so, they expose the hollowness of capitalism.

May the Daily Worker and Worker continue to print such editorials and thus help to educate and organize the American working class for a future socialist America. Just think of what a wonderful country America would be with no capitalists to sow confusion and dissension in the economic life and political affairs of the U. S. A.

DAVE CASSIDY.

'On Whitman Avenue' Vitiably Important

New York
Editor, Daily Worker:

The new play at the Cort Theatre, *On Whitman Avenue*, starring Canada Lee, could not be more timely. It deals with one of the most foreboding clouds upon our national horizon—one that calls for both thought and action now.

I found it so interesting, so moving and so vitally important that I am urging others to see it as soon as possible and to tell their friends to see it.

ETHEL CLYDE.

Trusts, Not Labor Farmers Enemies

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
Editor, Daily Worker:

There is quite a lot of propaganda in the United States to turn the farmers against organized labor. It was not organized labor who ran the price of corn down to 10 and 12 cents per bushel, and wheat down to 20 and 30 cents by calling in back credits and, incidentally, closing out \$12,000,000 by mortgage foreclosures.

It is the big trusts who are back of the propaganda that labels the progressive movement as dangerous and radical. J. MANLY.

Let's Face It

By Max Gordon

LORENZO REED, escaped prisoner, is back on a Florida chain gang, condemned to years of hard labor, torture and possible murder because of the political ambitions of the Governor of New York.

Reed is not the first Negro victim of Southern barbarism to be sacrificed to those ambitions. In 1943, despite powerful popular protest, George Burrows was sent back to Mississippi by Gov. Dewey.

Last year, James Corley was returned to South Carolina after Dewey had signed extradition papers. A hundred years ago, New Yorkers did not behave that way. They were sending escaped Negro slaves not back to the South, but on to Canada and freedom, despite oppressive federal laws that made this a crime.

No one can doubt that to the great mass of New Yorkers today, the Governor's actions in returning Negroes to the hell of polltax "justice" are revolting. Where they had a chance to fight, as in the Burrows case, there was a strong protest movement. Usually, however, the Governor tries to slip the dirty job over quickly and quietly, hoping no one will learn about it. The newly-organized Civil Rights Congress got wind of the Reed case at the last minute.

WHAT makes Dewey behave this way? The answer can be found in a sensational story of two years ago, when the first battle for a state FEPC took place in the Legislature.

A state anti-discrimination commission, set up by Gov. Lehman, and continued, with new personnel, by Gov. Dewey, had proposed to the Legislature early in 1944 that it establish a state FEPC. The proposal, in the form of a couple of bills, languished in committee.

Members of the commission, including Dr. Channing H. Tobias, at that time Negro member of the national board of the YMCA and a prominent Republican, made desperate efforts to communicate with the Governor by phone, wire and direct visit; to get him to move out the bill. They found every avenue barred to them.

In the final days of the legislative session, when public clamor for the bill had become terrific and it was about to be forced onto the floor, Dewey sent a message up proposing another commission to "study" the proposals of his own commission. That killed action for 1944.

Dr. Tobias and eight other members of the Governor's commission thereupon resigned. Later, Dr. Tobias revealed that at the very time the commission had submitted the bill to the Legislature, Lt. Gov. Joe R. Hanley was in the South lining up Republican convention delegates to support Dewey, and the North Carolina Republican Committee had on that day voted unanimously for a "Draft Dewey" movement.

Dr. Tobias charged flatly that Dewey did nothing to back the bills of his own commission "because he did not care to incur the displeasure of the Southern Republican organizations."

THE GOP may not have many voters down South but it does have a good-sized group of delegates to the GOP national convention who frequently vote as a bloc.

Dewey is still in the race for the GOP Presidential nomination and still wants the backing of southern GOP delegations, as Burrows and Reed have good reason to know.

The same political motives are behind Dewey's refusal to intervene in the Freeport case. There can be no excuse for a Governor not to investigate publicly when a Negro GI in uniform and two of his brothers, one a vet, are shot down by a cop, as in Freeport. When the Army and Navy give the soldier and his wounded sailor brother a clean bill of health, the failure to act is even more shocking.

But Freeport is in Nassau County, which gave Dewey perhaps the largest plurality in the nation in 1944. It is THE Republican stronghold in the state and District Attorney James N. Gehrig, the man Dewey is covering, is a power in county politics. Nassau County boss, J. Russell Sprague, is a close pal of Gehrig and, as the Republican National Committeeman from New York, is the man Dewey is counting on to put him over in 1948 as he did in 1944.

So Dewey is keeping hands off Freeport. Politics is also the reason Dewey has put the wraps on the state FEPC. It was passed in 1945 after the greatest popular movement behind a legislative measure the state has ever seen. That pressure could not be denied, especially after the outburst of popular anger following Dewey's 1944 betrayal.

But its passage got Dewey into trouble with some of his Republican and big business cronies. It made things tougher for him as far as the Southern GOP is concerned. He is now engaged in impressing his reactionary associates, who provide the political base for his operations, that the measure is really harmless when administered by the "proper" people with the "right perspective."

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Hijacking on the Danube

JUST as the sun was rising on the Danube River where Germany and Austria meet, 4,000 American troops two days ago swooped down on 372 ships along a 45-mile stretch of the river.

They were ordered to seize these vessels, which belong to a dozen different nationalities, by Gen. McNarney, commander of the U.S. forces in Europe.

It so happens that this astonishing raid, made without consultation with anyone except higher-ups in Washington, is part of the new style of Washington diplomacy which has the blessings of Vandenberg, Hearst and Wall Street.

We just grabbed these vessels by sheer military force in order to use them as an "argument" in our discussions with the Soviet Union over the Danube River.

The Soviet government has the "silly" idea that the Danube River should be controlled by the countries through which it winds its way, and not by anyone else.

Secretary Byrnes' idea is that American corporations like Standard Oil and others which had secret deals with the Nazi trusts ought to have a free and open hand along the river. He calls this "freedom of commerce."

Actually, it would be a cover for Wall Street intervention with money, and other pressure, against the new democratic governments in the Balkans.

Unable to answer the Soviet arguments with any kind of logic that will stand up, we just grab the ships and defy anyone to do something about it.

Suppose the Soviet Union set out to tell us that it didn't like the way we are handling our trade with Mexico and Latin America and insisted on grabbing vessels as part of the "discussion." What a roar there would be from the atombomb warriors who are itching to throw those murderous pineapples!

This incident is indicative of the high-handedness and "come-on-and-fight" attitude of the government's foreign policy today. It is not intended to solve any issues. It is intended to make solutions impossible, except at our terms. It is a specimen of our expansionist aggressiveness which is rocking the boat of peace.

No-Comment-Needed Dept.

"... on the proposed new constitution for India.

"It is plain that the Socialist-Labor Government is not presiding over the dissolution of the Empire any more than Churchill proposed to do before he was voted out of office. It is doubtful if Clement Attlee's government is making any greater concessions than his Tory predecessors would have been compelled to do if they had retained power."

—From syndicated column *Back of the Headlines*, by United Press Staff correspondent Louis F. Keemle, May 20, 1946.

How to Save OPA

THE OPA's retreats under fire make it all the more urgent that existing controls on such items as rent, most foods and other vital necessities be maintained. This issue will be decided in the next two weeks; if the peace control agency is saved, you can then fight to regain lost ground. Right now, you can:

- Wire, and get your organizations to wire, Senators Robert F. Wagner (D-NY) and Charles H. Tobey (R-NH) of the Senate Banking Committee, your own Senators and your Representative to pass through the price control bill without crippling amendments.

- Organize meetings, petition campaigns and delegations.

Editors, Daily Worker,
50 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y.

I am ready to join the Communist Party and take my place in the ranks of my fellow-Americans fighting for economic security, peace and Socialism.

Signed

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Views on Labor News

They Didn't Get a Rankin Clause

by George Morris

MOST of the comment on the Atlantic City convention of the United Steelworkers of America is in, and it is running true to form. The "false prophets and wishful thinkers" as Philip Murray calls them, who had hoped for a "red purge," don't like the convention. Progressives are satisfied.

David Dubinsky's political organ, the *New Leader*, feels very much let down. Its editorial has only bitter words and regret that Murray didn't follow the footsteps of Walter Reuther or Emil Rieve of the textile union.

Norman Thomas' *Socialist Call* is no more happy. Murray has entered a "peace deal" with the Communists, says the *Call*, but it is still unable to explain why Murray did so.

It goes without saying that the Trotskyites dislike the convention on almost every count. They have no chance to shine when a union's constructive forces maintain unity. They and the Socialists amounted to zero in the steel convention's work.

The *Wage Earner*, organ of Detroit's Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, regretfully admits the news that there will be no purges or repression in the USA. They had advised the union to ban Communists from office.

The commercial press in general lost interest in the steel story from the opening day on. They made the best of the convention statement by confining their quotes to the paragraph which called for no interference or meddling from outside groups. Of course there are millions of newspaper readers in the country who must have been suckers for the false propaganda that the CIO is "Communist." So when they read that Murray himself said the CIO wasn't Communist, it must have shock-

ed them. Unfortunately we cannot help those confused minds very much.

But for Communists it was most important to get reassurance that the union will not interfere with a member's right to believe and think as he chooses.

Communists ask no more and are any time willing to take constructive work and devotion to the interests of the union as the yardstick.

The most important point about the convention of the USA is its decision to stay on the progressive path along which Murray has led it for 10 years.

This is important in view of the recent upsurge in reactionary hopes with the election of Walter Reuther as president of the UAW. That this was not symptomatic of a trend was soon shown in a whole chain of events.

The UAW's progressives retained their majority on the board with three of four officers. The board's statement of policy, which Reuther is now obligated to follow, is progressive and specifically bars red-baiting or any other kind of baiting.

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers convention expressed the same progressive trend. There wasn't a word of red-baiting in that convention of 1,200 delegates.

Even the CIO Textile convention, despite its Social Democratic leadership, heard red-baiting only from its president. There was restraint and appeasement of progressive sentiment, otherwise.

Similarly many other conventions, notably Pennsylvania's CIO, held to the same line of progressive unity.

David Dubinsky made a strong try in the UAW, and received an encouraging foothold. But that very threat to the CIO's unity rallied progressive sentiment as never before.

Witness what happened in Ford Local 600, the "world's largest local." Reuther's top candidate received in the finals even a lower vote than in the primaries. The entire red-baited slate won.

Or take the collective bargaining election of Detroit's Department of Public Works employees. The much red-baited United Public Workers won 2,513 to 1,343 over the AFL.

The Rankin technique doesn't cut much ice in the ranks of labor. The steel workers have branded that policy as the weapon of those who seek the destruction of CIO. Their convention should be an education to officials of some other unions that are still playing with "Rankin clauses" in their constitutions.

Moscow Discusses Palestine

The Palestine problem "could be settled effectively by the UN," according to Moscow radio.

In an Arabic language broadcast here Sunday, a Soviet commentator asserted the recommendations of the Anglo-American commission of inquiry would not solve the Palestinian problem.

"This mission, unauthorized by the Arabs and Jews," he said, "caused a wave of dissension in the Arab world. The Jews in Palestine did not approve of the report. All this proves that public opinion should not be ignored."

"The mission is trying to explain to the world that the emigration of several hundred thousand Jews to Palestine is an urgent matter, because the Jews are in a pitiable

plight in Germany and Austria. It is strange, if the mission is concerned about the Jews, that it should think only of 100,000 because as everyone knows, a great number of Jews in Europe live in a miserable state.

"Jews living in Europe think before anything else of a normal and human life which could be established in the countries in which they have lived for centuries."

"It is worth saying that the German fascists are responsible for the death of millions of Jews. These fascists are still to be seen in western Germany, at liberty and working in responsible posts, instead of decisive measures being taken against them."

Landlords Use Private Armies, MPs on Philippine Sharecroppers

By Philippine News Service

MANILA, May 13 (By Mail).—Primary reason for the increasing armed struggles in Central Luzon is that the landlords, spurred by the victory of their presidential candidate Manuel A. Roxas, are attempting to force a return to the old system.

The fighting is between the National Peasants Union (PKM) and Hukbalahap forces on the one hand and the MPs, so-called Usafe gue-

rrillas and private landowner-supported armies, on the other.

In Central Luzon, where almost every peasant belongs to the PKM,

it was able to secure a crop division of 60 percent to the peasant and 40 percent to the landowner. Everywhere else in the Philippines the ratio is 50-50.

SHUT OFF CREDIT

Andres Callanta, Manila Sunday Times feature writer, reported, after a trip into Pampanga and Tarlac provinces, that with the summer planting season beginning, the landowners are refusing to advance the usual loan to the peasants which enable them to purchase rice seedlings. Representatives of the landowners and the PKM are deadlocked in negotiations.

Meanwhile, these attacks on PKM have been reported:

THREE MISSING

Concepcion, Tarlac.—On April 25, MPs, assisted by municipal police, seized three PKM members who have now disappeared; no one is permitted to investigate and see the police blotters regarding these arrests.

La Paz, Tarlac.—On April 28, MPs took PKM signboard, office supplies and food supplies.

Arayat, Pampanga.—MPs tore down the PKM signboard in the PKM office.

Guagua, Pampanga.—PKM signboard disappeared after the elections.

USE FANATICS

The fanatical religious sect, Iglesia ni Cristo, which was recently exposed as having been armed in Nueva Ecija province by Major Nocete, MP commander, has now taken a dislike to the PKM as well as the Hukbalahap.

Sworn statements to the Manila Times of men released from Iglesia ni Cristo custody state that they have been warned against joining up with the PKM.

An editorial in the conservative Manila Times on May 13 said:

"Something like 24 companies of military police—nearly 3,000 men—are on duty in Central Luzon 'to maintain peace and order.'"

"Meanwhile, in areas bordering Manila, but just outside the jurisdiction of the Manila police, robberies, kidnappings, even killings, are reported daily."

"What is being done about it? ... Is our Military Police, the National Police, to go down in the budget estimation and in history as the Central Luzon Military Police? Or is it responsible for the maintenance of law and order everywhere in this Commonwealth?"

Ask UN Help Outlaw Africa Jimcrow

The United Nations Commission on Human Rights has been asked to draw up specific provisions outlawing all forms of "social, economic and political discriminations, as prevail in the Union of South Africa."

In a documented letter to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, chairman of the commission, Paul Robeson and Dr. Max Yergan of the Council on African Affairs charged the South African Government with "flagrant violation of the most elementary principles of human rights."

Policies of the South African Government will be aired at a Madison Square Garden rally on "Big Three Unity for Colonial Freedom," June 6. Proceeds of the meeting will be used for South African famine relief.

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Detroit Students Hit Cameron as Speaker

DETROIT, Mich., May 23 (UP).—Senior students at Fordson High School and school officials in suburban Dearborn were embroiled in a controversy today over an invitation to W. J. Cameron, former spokesman for Henry Ford, to make their commencement address next month.

Students objected to Cameron because of his recent writings in *The Flag and Cross*, *America First Party* publication, and *Destiny*, edited by Howard B. Rand, an because of criticism of Cameron in John Roy Carlson's book, *Under Cover*.

Cameron was invited as principal speaker by Harvey H. Lowery, who retires next month as school superintendent after a 50-year career in the city educational system.

A group of students petitioned the school board unanimously last night that Lowery deliver the commencement address, but the petition did not mention Cameron. The board left the decision to the students and Lowery.

"As far as I am concerned, the invitation to Mr. Cameron still stands," Lowery said. "Mr. Cameron is one of my closest friends. However, I will meet with the students late today to discuss the situation."

Lowery and Dean C. Tate, Fordson principal, denied reports that students had threatened to strike unless the invitation to Cameron were withdrawn.

Vets Don't Vote Unless—

More than 500,000 veterans who returned to civilian life since last October are now ineligible to take part in the primary elections in New York City.

These primaries will, in many cases, be decisive in the election of Congressmen and State legislators. Yet these 500,000 may be ruled out because they were not around to enroll in a political party last fall. They can become eligible to vote in the primaries if they go to their County Election Boards and enroll in the political party of their choice between now and July 20. Primary Day is Aug. 20.

The election boards are located as follows:

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Queens—120-55 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens.
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The boards are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and until noon on Saturdays.

PRESS ROUNDUP

THE TIMES demands that UN serve as an instrument of U. S. imperialism for intervention in Iran. It believes that "a province of Iran is in control of Communist rebels against the central government, and the threat of civil war impends. As long as that is the case, the Council cannot afford to drop its interest in Iran." The Times wants us to tell all small nations what kind of government and economic system they must have. Who mentioned sovereignty?

THE HERALD TRIBUNE sighs regretfully about our behavior on the Iranian case: "If only the British and Americans had had the practical wisdom to avoid launching the Council in such muddy waters! If only now these statesmen had enough courage and decision to cut their losses and extricate themselves from an impossible situation that grows more threatening every day."

The situation grows more threatening every day because the Anglo-American imperialists don't believe the UN exists to settle the Iranian or any other dispute. They view it as a means of forming an anti-Soviet Axis.

THE POST notes that "when strikes and demonstrations are pulled (in Japan) for more rice, for opening the sacrosanct Imperial kitchens to feed the hungry and starving, MacArthur says they are a 'menace' to orderly government." Critical of policies which encourage Nazis in Germany and

reactionary monarchists in Japan, the Post ignores that MacArthur carries out the Byrnes-Truman-Vandenberg's foreign policy.

Berlin correspondent Jack Bell quotes Maj. Gen. Robert Harper, who works with the Russians on air transport. "Russians are more like Americans than any people I've met. . . . No one wants peace more than they, and to a man they see it only if America and Russia remain friendly and keep others out of war."

THE DAILY NEWS says, "Just abolish the OPA." Why? So as to make the black market prices legal.

THE JOURNAL AMERICAN continues the big business crusade against labor, demanding "compulsory arbitration."

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM discovers that, "The President of the United States can seize the mines and roads, but he cannot be sure the miners and railway men will work for the government." Quite a discovery that without miners you can't dig coal, and without railway men you cannot run the railways. But the Scripps-Howard press would like a system where bayonets could mine coal and run railroads.

THE DAILY MIRROR sneers at those who say: "But, we must try to understand Russia!" Hearst can understand one thing, carrying on the Hitler crusade against Russia. But look what happened to Hitler!

Says USSR Not Free to Nazis

CHICAGO, May 23 (UP).—Maj. Gen. Mikhail R. Galaktionov, military editor of the Soviet newspaper *Pravda*, said yesterday that there is freedom of the press in the USSR, that only fascist views can not find expression.

Galaktionov spoke extemporaneously in Russian before the Inland Daily Press Association. His remarks were translated.

Galaktionov said that while there was censorship in Russia, it was

only a carryover from the war years. Asked whether the Soviet government would permit views favorable to a system of economic "free enterprise" in its paper, he answered, "no."

But he said he did not want to give the impression that free enterprise was synonymous with fascism. "Because of conditions peculiar to our country exponents of free enterprise usually are agents of fascism," Galaktionov said.

An Evening of People's Music

Freedom Sings—an evening of people's music from Bach to Blitzstein will be presented by the Jefferson Chorus with Horace Grenell conducting at Town Hall, Friday, May 24 at 8:30 p.m.

The guest soloist of the evening will be Charles Holland, tenor, star

of Marc Blitzstein's *Airborne Symphony*.

The first performance of Herbert Haufrecht's cantata, *We've Come From the City* is included in a program of anti-fascist songs, labor songs, a musical setting to Langston Hughes' *Freedom's Plow* and a group of songs of democracy by Bach, Beethoven, Moussorgsky, William Schuman and Marc Blitzstein.

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Lanier, Klein, Martin Jump Cards; Dodgers, Cubs in Pre-Game Brawl

In this corner

Jersey Joe Figures to Outpoint Oma
By Bill Mardo

The story behind Jersey Joe Walcott is, in one respect, typical of the prize ring. But in another sense, it has a novel twist and surprise ending that hasn't been seen since Jimmy Braddock came out of nowhere to jab his way to the heavyweight title. Of course, Braddock was aided and abetted by the uninspired efforts of erratic Maxie Baer. And Walcott, on the other hand, is the latest Cinderella Man solely by dint of a latent fistic talent that finally came to the fore when the 32-year old Negro was given the first real opportunity to flash his stuff.

I've never seen Jersey Joe in action, but this much is certain. Any one who licked Jimmy Bivins with the decisiveness Walcott displayed in Cleveland last February, must be one helluva scrapper. Bivins had justifiably been labelled the number three heavy, right behind Joe Louis and Billy Conn. King Joe said that Bivins was the finest heavy around during the war years, and expressed much admiration for Bivins' abilities.

So what happened three months ago? Nothing much, except that one Jersey Joe Walcott took Mister Bivins, dropped him to the canvas for a nine-count and handed the Cleveland topnotcher a very sound and one-sided thrashing. That's something Tami Mauriello was never able to do in two losing efforts against the Clevelander, and also a trick that no other heavyweight had accomplished in the past three years.

This writer has seen enough of Jimmy Bivins to go overboard for any man who's been able to defeat him. Which is another way of saying that, sight unseen, we're picking Jersey Joe Walcott to lick Lee Oma at the Garden tonight. We grant it may be rather foolish of us to make a selection on this one, considering that we can't recall having ever seen Walcott in the ring except for last Friday night, when Harry Balough introduced the ex-shipyard worker during the festivities prior to the Woodcock-Mauriello sluggeroo.

The Record Speaks

But on the basis of Walcott's record this past year, it does seem that he's the superior of Oma. What is Walcott's record? Well, at the age of 32 one Vic Marsilla argued him out of retirement, convincing Jersey Joe that he was sincerely interested in getting him a break—something that none of Walcott's other handlers ever gave a hoot about. For Walcott's history prior to his retirement was one of those oft-repeated stories of the ring. Fighting up and down the country for peanut purses and greedy managers. They say Walcott always had the stuff of which topnotch heavies are born, punching power, ring savvy and good boxing ability. But the men who used to handle the capable Negro battler were more interested in squeezing him dry than in putting up a real effort for him.

So there he was in a Camden shipyard last year, trying to eke out a living for his six kids. Earning a decent salary in this glorious society of ours, isn't an easy trick. Especially for a Negro. When Vic Marsilla convinced Walcott that with proper managing he could take the current crop of heavies, the 32-year old Negro decided to give it one more try. Marsilla got Walcott a match with Joe Baksi last summer. Walcott pounded out an easy victory. Several months later he went up against hard-hitting Lee Q. Murray, and again Jersey Joe's hand was raised in victory. Last December he made it three in a row by dumping capable Curtis Sheppard in the tenth round.

The rest of the story is now as well-known throughout the fight world as was brother Braddock's upset over Baff. Walcott was signed to meet Jimmy Bivins, and when the two men met in February, Walcott was a lopsided underdog. But he provided the upset of the year by handing a terrific lacing to the smooth-punching, shifty Bivins. And don't forget, that was the same Bivins who beat Bob Pastor twice and who has likewise made a monkey of Tami Mauriello on two occasions.

Oma Smells the \$\$

Now Walcott has finally crashed through to the top. He's a Garden main-eventer and meets no pushover in the reformed Lee Oma. For Oma, while he fights like a clown with his hands-down and walk-around style, is nonetheless a very capable fisticuffer when he's in shape, and the former darling of the saloons has been very much in shape this past year. Lee is smelling big-money for the first time in his equally strange career, and the odor of lucre appeals to him much to nobody's surprise. And that's why Oma looked as good as he did against Gus Lesnevich three months ago. Not a knockout belter, Lee is a sharp cutting hitter and his counter-punching against the light-heavy champ was really something to see.

But Oma, in the best of shape, could never beat a fighter of Tami Mauriello's class, which isn't overly high, and certainly we can't for the life of us ever picture Lee Oma beating somebody like Jimmy Bivins. In short, the appealing crowd-pleaser is just a colorful and competent heavy who can be quite effective against a man who doesn't know how to take advantage of Oma's strolling tactics.

A hustling, aggressive hitter like Mauriello had no trouble with Oma the two times that Tami bothered to whip himself into shape. Certainly Jersey Joe Walcott, who they say is cleverer than Tami and just as good a socker, figures to outpoint Lee and maybe dump him one or twice over the route.

And that, my friends, is the way we see it going in the 49th Street House of Bash tonight.

But we could be wrong . . . it's happened before, y'know.

By C.E. Dexter

Much happened in the baseball world yesterday. The National League's leading pitcher, Max Lanier of the St. Louis Cardinals (6-0), together with two of his teammates, second-baseman Lou Klein, and rookie pitcher Fred Martin, apparently jumped to the Mexican League. When the Cards arrived at the Polo Grounds yesterday, the three St. Louis players had not reported for duty. Later it was reported that they had applied for and received permits to visit Mexico.

Meantime at historic Ebbets Field, a typical Dodger brawl took place before the game between the Cubs and Brooklynites. Dixie Walker and Len Merullo started a fist-fight, a sequel to the brawl which occurred on Wednesday afternoon. The battle continued for eight minutes, involving players of both clubs until special police were called to quell it. Casualties included some of Dixie Walker's front teeth and wholesale dismissals from the field by the umpires—in-

cluding Leo Durocher who was tossed out later. The Dodgers won another extra-inning thriller from the Cubs, 2-1, with Pete Reiser winning the game in the 11th inning with a tripple, after which he was sent over the plate by Pee-wee Reese's fly. The pitchers were Hank Behrman for the Dodgers and Hank Wyse for the Cubs. The victory enabled the Dodgers to keep pace with the Cardinals, who defeated the Giants 4-1 at the Polo Grounds.

Johnny Beazley, hero of the 1942 World Series, held the Giants to four hits and wasn't scored upon until the ninth inning. Left-hander Dave Koslo did nearly as well until the eighth, although Marion had

given the Cards a 1-0 lead with a homer in the third. In the eighth a walk to Marion and three successive singles by Moore, Musial and Slaughter added two runs to the Cardinal total.

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11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Arthur Godfrey
WMCA—News; Music Box
WQXR—News; Alma Detlinger
11:15-WOR—Tello-Test-Quiz
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch
WOR—Take It Easy Time
WJZ—Home Edition
WABC—Tena and Tim—Sketch
WQXR—Concert Music
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindlahr
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk
WABC—Aunt Jenny
WMCA—This Woman's World

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—Joe Hainline, News
WOR—News—Lyle Van; Music
WJZ—Glamour Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith Chat
WQXR—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNellis
WABC—Big Sister
12:30-WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet
WOR—News; Answer Man
WJZ—News; Charm School
WABC—Helen Trent
WMCA—Don Goddard, News; Music
12:45-WEAF—Ray Barrett, Interviews
WABC—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—George Byron, Songs
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Music
1:15-WOR—Jack Bundy's Album
WJZ—The Woman's Exchange
WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch
WJZ—Galen Drake
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—John J. Anthony
WABC—Road of Life—Sketch

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Daily Dilemma
WJZ—John B. Kennedy
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton
WMCA—News; Ray Smith, Songs
WQXR—News; Pop Concert
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—Talk; Barnes, Talk
WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White—Sketch
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch
WMCA—Variety Musicale
WQXR—Request Music
2:45-WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch
WABC—Time to Remember
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Al Pearce Show
WABC—You're in the Act
WMCA—News; Variety Musicale
WQXR—News; Request Music
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—News; John Gambling
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WABC—Cinderella, Inc.
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife—Sketch
WOR—Better Half—Sketch
WJZ—Jack Berch Show
WABC—House Party
WMCA—News; Variety Musicale
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas—Sketch
WJZ—Allen Prescott
4:25-WABC—News Reports
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy
WJZ—Our Singing Land
WABC—Landt Trio, Songs
WMCA—News; Music
4:45-WEAF—Young Wilder Brown
WJZ—Hop Harrigan
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WABC—Feature Story
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Man About Town
5:15-WEAF—Portia Faces Life
WOR—Superman
WJZ—Dick Tracy
WABC—Woman's Club
WQXR—Today in Music
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
WOR—Captain Midnight
WABC—Cimarron Tavern—Sketch
WJZ—Jack Armstrong

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WMCA—News; Listen to a Story
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5:45-WEAF—Front Page Farrell
WOR—Adventure of Tom Mix
WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch
WABC—Sparrow and the Hawk

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News; Serenade to America
WOR—Easy Aces—Sketch
WJZ—News; Kierman's Corner
WABC—News—Harry Marble
WMCA—News; Talk
WQXR—News; Music
6:15-WOR—Bob Elson, Interviews
WJZ—Ethel and Albert—Sketch
WABC—Patli Clayton; Songs
WQXR—News; Dinner Music
6:30-WOR—News—Fred Vandewater
WJZ—News; Sports Talk
WABC—Gordon MacRae, Songs
WMCA—Racing Results
6:45-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:55-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Here's Morgan
WABC—Robert Trout, News
WMCA—Sports Resume
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club, Variety
WOR—Fulton Lewis Jr.
WJZ—Headline Edition
WABC—Lanny Ross Show
WMCA—News; Jack Egan
WQXR—News; Music
7:15-WEAF—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Raymond Swing
WABC—Jack Smith Show
WMCA—Five-Star Final
7:30-WEAF—Barron Orchestra
WOR—Henry J. Taylor
WJZ—The Lone Ranger
WABC—Tommy Riggs Show
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Bargain Orchestra
7:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty

WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WHN—Johannes Steel
WMCA—Sid Gary, Songs
8:00-WEAF—Highways in Melody
WOR—Passport to Romance
WJZ—The Woody Herman Show
WABC—The Aldrich Family—Play
WMCA—News; Quiz Class
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:30-WEAF—Duffy's Tavern
WOR—A Voice in the Night, with Carl Brisson
WJZ—This Is Your FBI
WABC—Kate Smith Show
WMCA—Recorded Music
8:45-WMCA—Baseball: Giants-Braves
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—People Are Funny
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WJZ—Alan Young Show
WABC—It Pays to Be Ignorant
WMCA—News; Baseball Game
WQXR—World-Wide News Review
9:05-WAAT (970 Kc)—Labor Views the News. Sponsored by UE-CIO
9:15-WOR—Real Life Stories
WQXR—Great Names
9:30-WEAF—Bob Hannon, Songs; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto; Chorus
WOR—James Orchestra
WJZ—The Sheriff—Play
WABC—Durante-Moore Show
WQXR—Recorded Rarities
9:55-WJZ—Elmer Davis—News
10:00-WEAF—Mystery Theatre
WOR—Tommy Dorsey's Playshop
WJZ—Boxing Bout
WABC—Denny Kaye Show
WMCA—News; Baseball Game
WQXR—News; Overture
10:15-WQXR—Beatrice Mery, Songs
10:30-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
WOR—Symphonette
WABC—Malsie—Sketch
10:45-WEAF—Talk
WMCA—Waltz Music
WQXR—The Music Box
11:00-WEAF, WOR—News; Music
WJZ, WABC—News; Music
WMCA—News; Gypsy Caravan
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
11:30-WEAF—World's Great Novels
12:00-WEAF, WABC—News; Music
WJZ, WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News Reports

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Racism and Politics In the Deep South

Reviewed by Ben Miller

Few writers from the Claghorn country have been as devoted as Murrell Edmunds to the exposure of its native fascism. Last year, in a collection of a dozen short stories, "Red, White and Black," he showed a great range of interest in his fellow Southerners. He wrote of millworkers and sharecroppers, of organizers and college professors, of mothers and preachers and children—some of them white and some black. Separate stories, they fused into a fiery challenge to the economic system that has produced the human suffering he so compassionately reveals.

Out of one of those short stories, "Brothers," Edmunds has drawn his new novel, "Time's Laughter in Their Ears." It is the familiar mixture of racism and politics in a small southern town, but seen this time through the eyes of a 12-year-old boy.

The growth of Bobby's understanding, and of the courage to act upon it, provides a subtle means of penetrating beneath the surface of race relations. Bobby likes to go fishing with Slim, the Negro washerwoman's boy, and he cannot understand why such friendship is all right for kids, but becomes a deadly menace when developed between grown-ups. He begins to learn why when his uncle, Bob Henry, joins with Slim's older brother, Charlie, to organize the Negro and white sharecroppers.

CLASSIC PLOT TAKES SHAPE

Bobby's father, a college professor who writes books to prove slavery was a good thing, stands in his son's eyes in the usual role of protector. But Bobby discovers that when his father is playing local politics for the college presidency, he will repudiate even his own son.

The heart of the novel is the plot to get rid of the Negro organizer. Charlie has worked through a Northern college and returns home hoping to teach in the county's Jimcrow school. His ideas on racial equality stamp him an "uppity troublemaker," and, denied the chance to teach, he goes to work in the mill. When he finds a friend in Bobby's uncle and they begin to organize labor, the classic plot takes shape.

"TIME'S LAUGHTER IN THEIR EARS"
—by Murrell Edmunds, Bernard Ackerman, Inc. \$2.50.

The community's top-fascist, the blue-blooded Congressman, issues the directive, the campus stooges moralize it, and the barroom boys get out rope and faggot. Before long, Charlie hangs.

And little Bobby, driven almost mad by the terror, discovers that there is "something inside of him, that was inside of Charlie, too, something that was neither black nor white, that made Charlie and Uncle Bob Henry brothers, closer kin by far than the kind of brothers his father and Uncle Bob Henry were."

Simply written throughout, and beautifully tender, it is a novel that does not quite succeed. Edmunds' characters tend to make political speeches at moments living people would never tolerate. It is a defect, like others in the book, that may have sprung from the confining narrator's viewpoint selected by the author. Bobby himself is too quickly drawn for his ultimate reactions to be completely understood and believed. Nevertheless, it is a story that adds to our awareness of the complexity of a region that can produce both Peppers and Bilboes.



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Honoring the Memory of Sholem Aleichem, Folk Writer

By H. Ben Elias

Jews throughout the world are honoring the memory of their great writer, Sholem Aleichem, who was born in Russia in 1859 and died in New York City 30 years ago this month. When Maxim Gorky, in 1910, hailed Sholem Aleichem as a people's writer

he expressed the view that Russian and American Jews had accepted for many years. Again and again when Sholem Aleichem (the name is Hebrew for "Peace be unto you") took to the road to read from his works, his audiences acclaimed him and called for more.

In that act of going to the people he recognized the relationship between author and reader which he expressed in these meaningful words:

"The folk-writer, the artist, the poet, the genuine poet, is the mirror of his time, of his epoch, of his period, in which are reflected, as in crystal-clear waters, the rays of life, the rays of the shining sun."

"For that reason, I say that no living event can occur, no festival or misfortune of the people, which does not touch the writer, and touch him vitally, to the very quick."

Yiddish writers, notably I. L. Peretz, deeply appreciated their colleague. I say colleague rather than contemporary because the Yiddish writers of their day were deeply imbued with a sense of joint responsibility—that of instructing their people, elevating taste, and clarifying problems. Peretz particularly admired Sholem Aleichem in the role of the satirist, feeling that exposure of certain outworn aspects of Jewish living was a preparation for the work of cleansing and regeneration.

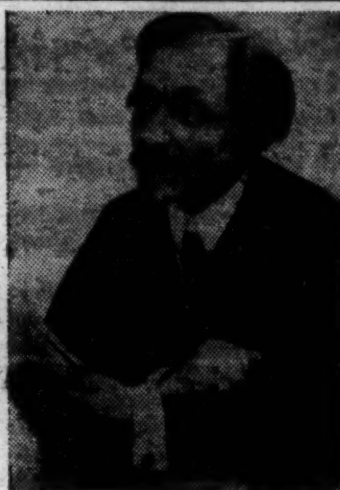
In his very first novel, Sholem Aleichem set himself that task. The novel, "Sender Blank," exposed the narrow horizons of thought, feeling, and action within which the Jewish bourgeoisie of Russia was living. By the rays of his clear observation, he helped the reader to see through the husk of complacent superiority of Sender Blank's family.

With deft strokes, he unraveled the web of intrigue and malicious self-seeking in which the members of the family were entangled as, impatiently, they waited by the bedside of the dying Sender. It was Sholem Aleichem's satirical thrust that left them exposed to themselves as the old man recovers and sees them off, discomfited, at the railroad station.

But even here, in a novel that seems without resolution, in the character of the young son, Sholem Aleichem shows the way out for all is the reaching toward the positive forces of progressive thought beyond the family circle. LOVE OF THE PEOPLE

A few years later, in 1892, and again in 1894, he published the first stories in the cycles, "Mena-chem Mendel" and "Tevye the Milkchiger," books which revealed in full measure the quality of Sholem Aleichem's "warm, true, and wise love of the people," to quote Maxim Gorky. In these stories of the "inefficient" Mena-chem Mendel, and the patient, ever trustful Tevye, Sholem Aleichem showed not only his closeness to the Jewish people, but a deep awareness, as well, of the difficulties of their position in the Russia of the czars and of the movement toward emancipation of the Russian people.

Pervading the stories of Sholem Aleichem is the powerful flavor of the writer's optimism. Quickened by a humor which verges on the pathetic, that flavor was the very antidote needed by the Jewish masses to save them from despair. In a time of almost overpowering difficulties and government inspired pogroms, in a time of the breaking of bonds between the generations, it is significant that Sholem Aleichem, in such a novel



SOLOM ALEICHEM

as "In the Storm"—dealing with the revolution of 1905—puts into the hands of the younger generation Jew and non-Jew, alike, the responsibility of working out the new solutions demanded by changing times.

His humor, reflecting the unexpected and unpredictable in the individual, gives the imprint of vitality, to people who would not be broken by hardships. In this novel of the defeated revolution, he catches the atmosphere of promise and enlargement which animated old and young—a promise of great human possibilities for the peoples of Russia and the achievement of rights and recognition for the Jew.

Responsive to the new forces that were to re-create Jewish life in Russia, together with the life of the many other peoples, Sholem Aleichem was deeply concerned with all the phases of Jewish experience in his numerous stories, tales, sketches, and plays. Scenes of family festivals, weddings, religious observances, Jewish streets and homes, chil-

dren at play and in cheder (school) abound in his writings. They are filled with all the types, men and women, that characterized and gave the stamp of individuality to the ghetto.

As was to be expected, Sholem Aleichem came into conflict with the czarist government. His comedy satirizing the stock exchange and speculation was confiscated on the ground of—of all things—blasphemy! His application for a license to issue a Jewish daily was turned down; his efforts to found a Jewish art theatre were frustrated by the government.

In 1906-7 Sholem Aleichem was in the United States where he began to publish parts of "Motel Peise, son of the Chasan." At the outbreak of the first World War he settled in this country, where he won a new following, especially in the ranks of the Jewish workers.

That he was aware of his meaning to them and of their place in his thoughts may be gathered from the words of his testament:

"Wherever I may die, let me be laid not among aristocrats—among the proud and wealthy, but among simple Jewish workers, with the genuine folk, so that the stone to be placed on my grave may shine upon the simple graves around me, and the simple graves may adorn my monument as the simple, honest folk shed their light on their folk-writer in his life-time."

Carol Brice

Carol Brice, rising young Negro singer will be starred in a special broadcast on WMCA tonight (Sunday) 9:30 to 10:00 p.m., marking the launching of the 1946 observance of City-Wide Harlem Week.

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Defeat OPA Amendments: Truman

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, May 23.—In a surprise repudiation of Senate Majority Leader Barkley's concessions to the anti-OPA bloc, President Truman today asked the Senate Banking Committee to defeat pending amendments to the OPA bill which "would impair effective price control." In a letter to Sen. Robert Wagner (D-NY), chairman of the Committee, which was read to the Senate, the President said he was "disturbed" by reports of proposals under consideration of the committee.

"As a result of spreading uncertainty about prices and growing fear of inflation, the country is already experiencing a creeping economic paralysis from speculation and withholding of goods" he said.

He urged that "Congress quickly re-enact the stabilization laws without amendments that would jeopardize economic stability."

HITS ANDERSON BID

Hitting directly at the proposal to put power to decontrol in the hands of the Secretary of Agriculture instead of the Price Administrator, Truman declared:

"I ask, too, that as President, I do not be handicapped by amendments destroying my authority to vest responsibility for effective coordinated administration of the laws in those departments and agencies of the government which I believe can best carry out the stabilization policies."

Departing from his policy of withholding comment on pending legislation, the President declared he would not be able to approve of the OPA measure as adopted by the House because "although purporting to extend price control, it

would actually mean a quick end to price control."

He pointed out that consideration of OPA extension has already consumed 15 weeks.

The Presidential letter followed the disclosure Tuesday that Administration forces in the Senate Banking Committee had joined Southern Democrats and Taft Republicans in approving a set of amendments which opened the door for sudden removal of price controls.

Yesterday the committee voted to abolish the maximum average price system which assures a small supply of low-priced clothing to consumers. Committee members also decided to slash appropriations for food subsidies.

This information reached the public yesterday and today and already congressmen reported receiving letters of protest from back home. It is presumed that the White House also received mail on this subject.

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Anaconda Wire Men Win 18½c

Special to the Daily Worker

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, May 23.—The three-month strike of 900 employees of the Anaconda Wire and Cable Co. ended today with an agreement providing a raise of 18½ cents an hour.

The new contract, signed with local 404, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, also provides for an increase in the minimum hiring rate to 86½ cents an hour from the former 63 cents and a five cents raise after sixty days.

Double time after 10 hours a day; seven holidays with pay, an improved vacation clause and provisions especially favorable to veterans, are other points in the pact. The terms are retroactive to January 1.

'TRAINS WILL RUN WHEN WE WIN,' SAY RAIL STRIKERS

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workers leaving the trains. Many railroad crewmen on the Pennsylvania & Lehigh Valley Roads had already quit long before 5 p.m.

"I can't take my 13 hour daily trip any longer," said an old engineer as we drank coffee at the Nedick bar together. "I can't take it. My boys have grown up as strangers to me in the last 25 years. I used to think that engineers were the happiest men in the world when I was 4 years old and they used to lift me up in their cabs. But I'm 54 now. I've had enough."

A train man interrupted.

"It isn't just the money we want," he told us. "We want to live like human beings. No overtime pay now till I've worked 10 hours. That stuff's out of date."

"You're damn right," said a conductor who worked on the same train with the speaker, "we're all fed up. And, Mr., turning to me, 'we're going to win this strike.'"

"What about scabs?" he was asked.

"We're not worried about them," replied the conductor, "we rally stick together. The man who scabs in this strike won't have a happy time the rest of his life."

FRAISE DAILY WORKER

Two trainmen who had attended a union lodge meeting at the Times Square Hotel yesterday afternoon praised the Daily Worker story on railroad workers' conditions on the back page of Thursday's issue. They had picked up the "Daily" from a Spanish war veteran who was handling the paper in front of the hotel.

Passengers, swarming through the Penn rotunda in holiday numbers, were generally rather friendly toward the strikers. One drunk cursed the unions at the top of his voice. "Too many Communists," he said. And another man said that "the Army ought to run the trains." He stopped when a soldier horse-laughed.

Some other passengers griped, but their complaint was that the strikers should have waited until they got home.

Many other people, however, said that they believed the railroad workers had a just case. One plump, well-tailored man, who was fretting because the Broadway Limited wouldn't take him in the direction of Wisconsin, said, "I can't blame these railroad men. Their wages have been frozen too long."

The last long-run train to get out of Grand Central was the Knickerbocker, bound for St. Louis. It left at 3:55 p.m. but there was a strong possibility that the Knickerbocker wouldn't get much closer to St. Louis last night than 900 miles away. The Merchants Limited, a businessman's express, scheduled to leave Grand Central for Boston at 5 p.m. sat quietly on the tracks, fully loaded, but it never turned a wheel.

One of the last of the local trains to leave was the Albany train at 4:05 p.m. How far she got was not known early last evening.

TRAINMEN DETERMINED

Trainmen interviewed by the Daily Worker were calm but obviously determined to fight through to victory against the billion-dollar rail trusts.

M. S. Hendricks of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., a member of Lodge 154,

Brotherhood of Railway Engineers said:

"I don't expect a long strike. I can't see where the country can afford it. Truman's offer wasn't so bad, but it is not enough."

Engineer Hendricks said one of the biggest beefs of the strikers is the 8-10 hour set-up where the men lose several hours in time daily and pay when they have to wait between runs. They want an eight-hour day with time and one-half after eight hours, including waiting time, Hendricks said.

J. J. Driscoll, of 156 Smith St., Providence, R. I., who has worked 35 years on the New York, New Haven and Hartford declared:

WANT DECENT CONDITIONS

"It is not the rise in wages we are striking for mostly. It is the working conditions. We want to work a straight eight hours instead of the eight-ten setup."

"Conditions have not changed in 30 years on this road," he said.

He figured his average take-home pay at "\$50 and change."

E. J. Geering, an ex-GI and a member of Lodge 197, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said:

"What's good enough for the old-timers is good enough for me."

H. J. Moffitt, of 124 Third St., Newark, N. J., also of Lodge 197, who served 34 months overseas with the 727th Engineers Battalion, said:

"I agree with Mr. Whitney. A flat eight-hour-day will benefit me most. Also time and a half for overtime and the reduction in mileage."

Anthony Buffa, stranded a few hours after discharge from the Navy after long service in the Philippines, said when interviewed at Grand Central:

"I think it will be worth while to give the men their money."

At City Hall late in the day Mayor O'wyer issued an 18-point program including 12-hour tours of duty for the police force, a move designed to increase by two-thirds police personnel available between 6 a. m. and 6 p. m.

To be policed are all railroad yards, public utilities, markets, ferries, bridges and tunnels leading in and out of the city, subway and elevated stations and bus terminals.

Parking regulations will be strictly enforced south of 59th street and in the business areas of Brooklyn, and all cars coming into the city will be parked in outlying sections as close to municipal transit facilities as possible.

Food transportation routes through the city have been established, the Mayor said.

Additional traffic posts have been created to keep traffic fluid within congested areas and the Planning and Public Relations Bureau (a successor to the old Radical squad) has been activated.

CLEVELAND, May 23 (UP).—Telegrams have been prepared for immediate dispatch to all trainmen and engineer chairmen in the event the rail strike is settled or postponed, a Brotherhood spokesman said today.

The telegrams contain a code word which would inform the general chairmen that the strike had been postponed or called off, he said. Western Union officials said earlier they were holding extra crews in readiness for such an emergency.

Rail Strike Sweeps Nation

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changes as demanded by the union or recommended by a presidential fact-finding board.

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP).—The White House reported at 6:45 p.m., (EST) that the railroad management and labor conferees were "still talking." President Truman was in his office with reconversion director John W. Snyder and Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach.

According to White House press secretary Charles G. Ross, Mr. Truman had not yet talked to either side in the dispute which was paralyzing the nation's rail transportation system.

Ross said that Mr. Truman will meet with his cabinet at 10:00 a.m. (EST) tomorrow. Ross added that this is the "usual" cabinet meeting.

The President also will hold a news conference at 11:00 a.m. (EST).

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP).—The deadline for the nation's first general railroad strike since 1926 passed today with the union-management negotiators still deadlocked in a White House conference.

At 5 p.m. (EST), the long-threatened train strike was under way from the eastern seaboard to the Mississippi.

Two union chieftains, leaders of 250,000 trainmen and locomotive engineers, battled hour after hour at a tense White House conference against all governmental efforts to win their acceptance of President Truman's compromise.

The President himself refused to sit in on the furious wrangle which began at 11:30 a.m. (EST), and continued on well beyond five o'clock—an hour past the union deadline for the start of the strike.

Mr. Truman went through his regular routine and even took time out to attend a garden party on the White House lawn for 716 wounded veterans.

A. F. Whitney, chief of the trainmen's union, and Alvanley Johnston, head of the engineers, made their stand clear long before they entered the White House to deliver their reply. They branded as unacceptable Mr. Truman's proposal that they accept a wage boost of \$1.48 a day and forego their demands for a number of major changes in railway operating rules.

Drastic orders embargoing movement of all non-essential traffic and mobilizing the nation's motor, air and waterways transportation for emergency service were issued by the Office of Defense Transportation at 4 p.m. (EST).

Army spokesmen said troops would stand by throughout the country to carry out any government measures that may be ordered on railroads, which were seized last Friday.

The troops may be called in to guard stations, equipment and other carrier facilities and to protect any railway workers who want to stay on the job.

There was little prospect, however, of troops running the trains, except on a very limited basis. Only two U.S. army railroad battalions are now in the United States.

All first class mail was ordered switched from trains to motor trucks, ships and commercial airplanes, wherever possible, and the

post office said it would continue that delivery system for the duration of the strike.

Repeated bulletins from the White House, where representatives of the 20 unions and all the railroad managements were in conference, gave no details of the tense negotiations in progress there.

At 4 p.m. (EST), White House press secretary said there was no news on the meeting, which began 4½ hours earlier.

President Truman's special assistant, John R. Steelman, took over and began a shuttle-conference with the labor and management groups, closeted in separate rooms. In an 11th hour move to forestall

the strike, Mr. Truman offered both union and management a compromise plan last night under which all railway workers would get a pay boost of \$1.48 a day in lieu of major operating rules changes they also were seeking.

That was 20 cents a day more than Mr. Truman's own fact-finding board recommended last month, but Whitney and Johnston told reporters angrily that it was unsatisfactory.

Without rejecting the President's offer outright, however, they said the fact-finding board's original recommendations were more liberal, since they also included a number of rules changes.